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## WEALTH IN THE TIBER

There is no river in the world whose waters roll above such a mass of buried treasure as does the yellow Tiber. The Government Inspector of Italian National Monuments, Professor Nipsi-Landi, says that many ancient statues, coins, and other valuable articles are still to be found there where they have been thrown in past ages in consequence of the vicissitudes of war, religious vows, floods, and accidents. Most interesting indeed is the Inspector's belief that the sacred candlestick of Moses, together with the two golden and seven silver trumpets, and the golden bottles and cups mentioned in the ancient chronicles have lain in the Tiber since the year 546. He explains that his belief in this matter is based on the careful study of the Scriptures, Josephus, representations in the Arch of Titus and in the Catacombs, on the traditions of the Hebrew priesthood, and on the reports of Giuseppe Petrini, the celebrated inspector of antiques under Pius VI. and Pius VII. It is known that the golden statue of the Emperor Cladius II. was thrown into the river to save it from the Barbarians. There is scarcely any end to the expectations that await possible realization when, some day, the old project of diverting the river so as to lay open its ancient bed shall be carried out. Signor Nipsi-Landi laments that he has not been able to get government warrant for this great undertaking. Much money could be obtained in various lands for this work. The Professor says in a London magazine that he is daily addressing his vows to the Goddess of Hope. The Italian Government does not want the river opened until Italians can do the work and control the results. This is natural, but it keeps the world of scholars and curiosity hunters impatiently waiting.—World's Events.

A Valpariso dispatch of March 8th states plague is spreading over Pisagua, many corpses are unburied and half the population has abandoned the city panic stricken.

The Secretary of the Interior has awarded the contract for the construction of the Tonto dam to J. M. O'Rourke & Co., of Galveston, Texas. The contract price is \$1,100,000; they will begin work at once and the project must be completed within two years according to contract.

## Hottest Place on Earth.

Perhaps the hottest inhabited locality on earth is the shore of the Persian Gulf, at and in the vicinity of Bahrein, Arabia. Death Valley in Southern California has been given this distinction by many, but statistics are said to prove that the mean annual temperature of the Persian Gulf furnace is eleven degrees higher than that of Death Valley. A little brackish water has been found in Death Valley, but at Bahrein none at all is to be found on land within a radius of nearly two hundred miles. Very few people live in Death Valley, but Bahrein has a population of several thousands. They are a stunted specimen of mankind. Water is obtained from springs on the bed of the saline gulf a few hundred yards from the shore. The water is secured by divers, at a depth of about thirty feet. It gushes up in considerable volume and is caught in goatskins. The springs are supposed to have their origin in the hills of Osman, over five hundred miles inland. This is probably the only place on earth where drinking water is secured thus from the salt sea. Food is brought to the people in boats and traded for a fertilizer which they dig in the desert.

D. J. Abel, a wellknown merchant of Albuquerque, committed suicide at the St. James hotel in Denver, last Saturday, using a razor to end his career. His estate will amount to over eighty thousand dollars. No motive can be assigned for the rash act.

The estate of the late Adolph Solomon was probated Monday in the country court at Solomonville. The estate will approximate some \$75,000. The deceased a short time before his tragic death had made a will in which he bequeathed a large portion of his wealth to charity but the greater part goes to his widow, who lives at El Paso, Texas. Judge Mashbir as attorney represents the executors of the estate.—Guardian.

Major Alex. O. Brodie has been assigned to duty in the Philippines and will leave Washington for Manila about May 1st.

Calcutta, Mar. 10.—Deaths from the plague last week numbered 34,000. Statistics show that deaths from the bubonic plague in India within a few years has reached nearly 3,000,000. In 1900 the mortality in India from the plague alone was 850,000. The number of deaths recorded last week is not unprecedented.

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## Standard Oil Dividends

The Standard Oil company has just declared a dividend of 15 per cent. for the current quarter. From 1891 to 1895 this company paid 12 per cent. a year. Its dividends increased to 44 per cent. in 1903 and they were 36 per cent. in 1904. The dividend for the current quarter would indicate a present earning equal to \$60 on every share of the stock, or a total of \$60,000,000 on the capitalization on \$100,000,000.

These enormous profits on their face prove, says the Mining World, that the oil trust is actually monopolizing all the profits of the oil business, which equitably should be distributed to the fee owner, the operator, the refiner, and also, incidentally it is evident that a considerable portion of this enormous profit is made up from excessive prices to the consumer.—Globe Silver Belt.

Tokio, Mar. 13—Oyama reporting today says: "prisoners to the number of over 40,000, including General Nachmoss have been taken. The killed and wounded of the enemy is estimated at 90,000. The enemy's dead left on the field number 26,000. The captured spoils include sixty guns, sixty thousand rifles, 150 ammunition wagons and much more miscellany, the amount of which is increasing momentarily."

District Attorney W. P. Geary was a business visitor here today.

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